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## OFFICIAL NOTICE

### ASIAN LONGHORNED BEETLE TREATMENT



To control the population and spread of the destructive Asian longhorned beetle (ALB), the Asian Longhorned Beetle Cooperative Eradication Program will be treating publicly and privately owned host-tree species with the systemic insecticide imidacloprid. This program may require personnel from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) or employees contracted by USDA to enter your property. The treatment will occur in your area on or around

The insecticide will be injected directly into the trunk of susceptible trees via small canisters. The insecticide is then taken up by the tree's circulatory system where it remains, posing no risk to humans, pets, or wildlife.

During treatment, field crews will tie a yellow ribbon to each trunk-injected tree. Contracted security personnel will physically monitor each treated tree throughout the 4-hour treatment period. Annual treatments will be required until the ALB population is eliminated from your area.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Homeowner cooperation is the main strength of the ALB program. Please keep an eye out for trees displaying signs of ALB damage. Your continuous reporting of ALB sightings is greatly appreciated.

The goal of the cooperative ALB program is to eradicate the pest from New York City and Long Island. Since the beetle's discovery in 1996, survey and tree removal have substantially reduced the ALB population, but we do not believe full eradication is possible through these methods alone. Public participation and insecticide treatments are valued additional tools in our fight to eradicate ALB.

For additional information, or to report an ALB infestation, please call toll free (866) 265-0301.



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